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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A bearing housing comprising:  
an annulus having an aft side and a forward side;  
a barrier extending from said aft side to said forward side to form a first and second zone;  
a first opening in said first zone extending through said forward side; and  
a second opening in said second zone extending through said forward side, at least a portion of said first opening being at a level lower than a lowermost level of said second opening.
2. (Currently amended) The bearing housing of claim 1 wherein ~~said~~ a fill level is below a height of said barrier.
3. (Original) The bearing housing of claim 2 wherein said second zone is bounded by said barrier, said aft side, said forward side, and said fill level.
4. (Original) The bearing housing of claim 3 wherein said second zone has a volume equal to an amount of retained oil equal to a retained oil requirement of said bearing housing.
5. (Original) The bearing housing of claim 1 wherein said first opening and said second opening are radially disposed about said forward side.
6. (Original) The bearing housing of claim 1 wherein said barrier comprises a blocking element and an air pipe attached to an upper portion of said blocking element.
7. (Canceled)
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